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- (1) International Patent Application WO 00/35683, published June 22, 2000. This reference discloses an improved vehicle wheel construction with a peripheral rim, a central wheel hub and a plurality of spokes extending between the rim and hub, wherein the spokes have a first peripheral portion connected to the rim and a second central portion opposed to the first portion.

- (2) PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, Vol. 007, No. 128 (M-220), June 3, 1983 & JP 58 047602 A (DAIDOU KOGYO KK), March 19, 1983. The purpose of this reference is to obviate the occurrence of wheel deflection, by boring through holes for coupling spokes extended in a tangential direction in each of projecting pieces which are formed around the periphery of a hub, while making tension stemming from each hub not to act as twisting moment.
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 1,464,566 for METAL WHEEL, By A.M. Ford, Patented August 14, 1923. This reference discloses a metal wheel, the combination of a hub comprising a tubular member having its ends swaged down to a smaller diameter than the center portion, complementary disks for clamping the spokes of the wheel, said disks being formed with annular flanges sleeve-fitted on the respective ends of said member, and interchangeable bushings fitted within said member and adapted to receive the spoke of said wheel.
- (4) European Patent Document 0 790 141, published August 20, 1997. Although this reference is in the French language, the drawings are believed to be clear.

(5) International Patent Application WO 93/09963, published May 27, 1993. This reference discloses a spoked wheel having a rim with a plurality of nipple holes engaged each by a nipple.

(6) French Patent Document 2 324 471, published April 15, 1977. Although this reference is in the French language, the drawing is believed to be clear.

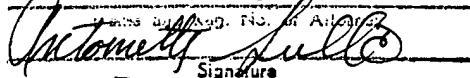
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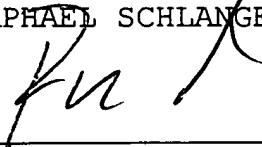
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